

REMARKS

Applicants have carefully reviewed the arguments presented in the Office action and respectfully request reconsideration of the claims in view of the remarks presented below.

Attached to this amendment is a proposed substitute sheet of drawings which is identified in the top margin as "Replacement Sheet." Applicants respectfully submit that the proposed substitute drawing sheet addresses the objections set forth in the Office action regarding the height of the numbers, letters and reference characters in Figure 4.

Claims 1-2, 5-10, 13-14, and 20-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2001/0053944 by Marks et al. (hereinafter, "the published Marks application"). Claims 3-4, 11-12 and 15-19 were rejected as being unpatentable over the published Marks application in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,611,813 by Bratton.

Applicants have cancelled claims 21 and 22 without prejudice. Claims 1-20 remain pending in the present application. In view of the cancellation of claims by the present amendment, the name of Derrell Lipman has been deleted as a named inventor for the present application. A Request to Correct Inventorship under 37 C.F.R. 1.48(b) to delete an inventor as a result of this amendment to the claims is being submitted concurrently herewith.

The present application as amended now names Michael B. Marks and Joel Marks as inventors, and the published Marks application also names Michael B. Marks and Joel Marks as the inventors. Applicants respectfully submit that the inventive entity of the present application is the same as that of the published Marks application. Accordingly, the published Marks application is not "by another," and thus should not be considered prior art under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) with respect to the present application.

Applicants respectfully request that the rejections of the claims based on the published Marks application be withdrawn. Early allowance of the claims is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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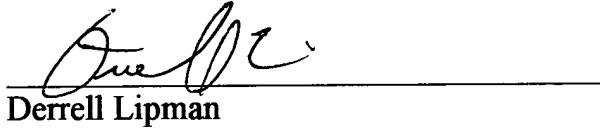
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